

REMARKS

On May 6, 2005, Applicants filed a Response to Partial Office Action responsive to the Office Action dated April 27, 2005, which failed to address claims 118-174 as added by the Third Preliminary Amendment dated January 27, 2005. In response, the Examiner issued a Response to Third Supplemental Amendment dated August 29, 2005 requiring election based on the Response to Restriction/Election requirement filed November 24, 2004. The following Remarks are responsive to the points raised in the August 29, 2005 Response.

In the Response to Election Requirement filed by Applicants on November 24, 2004, Applicants elected Group I, claims 55-80, 84-86, 88-112, and 115-117 drawn to a screen and the species: Coatings: organic; Opening sizes: 0.05 inches or less; and Reflectance: 0.03 or less. Applicants averred that claims 55, 69, 78, 84, 85, and 88 were generic and elected claims 56-61, 68, 70-77, 79-80, 86, 89, 93, 95-102, 106, and 108-112. In the Partial Office Action filed April 27, 2005, the Examiner withdrew claims 69-77 from consideration citing that these claims "are indefinite as it is unclear if they are method or article claims (an "uncoated" element and a "coating" applied thereto are recited) and are currently considered to be method claims at this time and therefore will also not be examined on the merits."

Election

In response to the requirement for election, Applicants aver that claims 118-174 are drawn to previously elected Group I as defined in the Election/Restriction Requirement dated October 29, 2004. Accordingly, claims 118-174 are elected for prosecution on the merits.

Regarding the specie requirement, Applicants aver that claims 118, 132, 145, 150, and 164 are generic. In contemplation of the claims currently pending and in contemplation of the scope of the specification, Applicants request that the specie requirement for opening sizes be amended to include "0.06 inches or less" as an Opening Size specie. If such amendment of scope is permitted, in lieu of the previous election of "0.05 inches or less," Applicants will elect such opening size specie of "0.06 inches or less," which includes claims 119, 122, 123, 127-129, 133, 140-141, 146, 149, 151, 154, 159-161, 165, and 170-172. The following specie claims would be elected under an opening size specie of "0.06 inches or less": claims 56-61, 68, 70-77, 79-80, 86, 93, 95-101, 106, 108-112, 119, 122, 123, 127-129, 133, 140-141, 146, 149, 151, 154, 159-161, 165, and 170-172. Thus, under a opening size specie of "0.06 inches or less" with the other elections specified herein, the following claims are elected: Claims 55-61, 68-80, 84-86, 88, 93, 95-101, 106, 108-112, 118-119, 122-123, 127-129, 133, 140-141, 145-146, 149-151, 154, 159-161, 164-165, and 170-172.

If the Examiner rejects the proposed election of specie amendment indicated above to change the opening size from 0.05 to 0.06 inches as elected above, Applicants hereby indicate that the following claims read on the original specie requirement, including the elected opening size of 0.05 inches or less, reflectance of 0.03 or less, and organic coatings: claims 119, 122-123, 127-128, 130, 133, 136, 140-141, 143, 146, 149, 151, 154-155, 159-160, 162, 165-166, 170-171, and 173. The following specie claims would be elected under an opening size specie of "0.05 inches or less": claims 56-61, 68, 70-77, 79-80, 86, 89, 93, 95-102, 106, 108-112, 119, 122-123, 127-128, 130, 133, 136, 140-141, 143, 146, 149, 151, 154-155, 159-160, 162, 165-166, 170-171, and 173.

Thus, under a opening size specie of "0.05 inches or less" with the other elections specified herein, the following claims are elected: Claims 55-61, 68-80, 84-86, 88-89, 93, 95-102, 106, 108-112, 119, 122-123, 127-128, 130, 133, 136, 140-141, 143, 146, 149-151, 154-155, 159-160, 162, 165-166, 170-171, and 173.

Regardless of the Examiner's choice of opening size specie requirement of 0.05 inches or 0.06 inches, Applicants aver that claims 118, 132, 145, 150, and 164 are generic and should be elected regardless of the specie requirement as entered.

If the Examiner has any comment on this election requirement, he is invited to contact the listed attorney for discussion thereof.

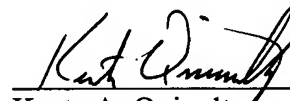
Applicants look forward to examination on the merits of the elected claims.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this Response under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully submitted,

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